

Acceptance of Charles Sumner, Senator Elect from Massachusetts.

Boston, May 14, 1851.
Fellow-citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received, by the hands of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, a certificate that, by concurrent votes of the two branches of the Legislature, namely, by the Senate on the 22d of January, and by the House of Representatives on the 24th day of April, I was duly elected, in conformity to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States, a Senator to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, commencing on the 4th day of March 1851.

If I were to follow the customary course, I should receive this in silence. But the protracted and unprecedented contest which ended in my election—the interest it awakened—the importance universally conceded to it—the ardor of opposition and the constancy of support which it aroused—also the principles, which, more than ever before among us, it brought into discussion, seem to justify what my own feelings irresistibly prompt, a departure from this rule. If, beyond these considerations, any apology be needed for this directly addressing the Legislature, I may find it in the example of an illustrious predecessor, whose dear and venerable name will be a sufficient authority.

The trust conferred upon me is one of the most weighty which a citizen can receive. It concerns the greatest interests of our own Commonwealth, and also of the Union of which we are an indispensable part. Like every post of eminent duty, it is a post of honor. A personal ambition, such as I cannot conceive, might be satisfied to possess it. But when I think of what it requires, I am obliged to say that its honors are all eclipsed in my sight by its duties.

Your appointment finds me in a private station, with which I am entirely content. But this is not all. For the first time in my life, I am now called to political office. With none of the experience so amply possessed by others, to smooth the way of labor, I might well hesitate. But I am cheered by the generous confidence which, throughout a lengthened contest, persevered in sustaining me, and by the conviction that amidst all seeming difference of party, the sentiments of which I am the known advocate, and which led to my original selection as a candidate, are dear to the hearts of a large majority of the people of this Commonwealth. I derive, also, a most grateful consciousness of personal independence from the circumstance, which I deem it frank and proper thus publicly to declare and place on record, that this office comes to me unsought and undesired.

Acknowledging the right of my country to the service of her sons wherever she chooses to place them, and with a heart full of gratitude that a sacred cause has been permitted to triumph through me, I now accept the post of Senator.

I accept it as the servant of Massachusetts; mindful of the sentiments solemnly uttered by her successive Legislatures, of the genius which inspires her history; and of the men, her perpetual pride and ornament, who breathed into her that breath of liberty which made her an example to her sister States. In such a service the thought new to my footsteps, will be illumined by lights which cannot be missed.

I accept it as the servant of the Union, bound to study and maintain, with equal patriotic care, the interests of all parts of our country; to discountenance every effort to loosen any of those ties by which our fellowship of States is held in fraternal company; and to suppress all sectionalism, whether it appear in unconstitutional efforts by the North to carry so great a boon as Freedom into the slave States, or in unconstitutional efforts by the South, aided by Northern allies, to carry the sectional evil of slavery into the free States; or in whatever efforts it may make to extend the sectional domination of slavery over the national government. With me the Union is twice blessed—first, as the powerful guardian of the repose and happiness of thirty-one sovereign States, clasped by the enduring name of country; and next, as the model and beginning of that embracing Federation of States, by which unity, peace, and concord will finally be organized among the nations. Nor do I believe it possible, whatever may be the decision of the hour, that any part thereof can be permanently lost from its well-compact bulk. *Be Placidus Unus* is stamped upon the national coin, the national territory, and the national heart. Though composed of many parts united into one, the Union is separated only by a crash which shall destroy the whole.

Entering now upon the public service, I venture to bespeak for what I may do or say, that candid judgment which I trust always to extend to others, but which I am well aware the prejudices of party too well concede. I may fail in ability; but not in sincere efforts to promote the general weal. In the conflicts of opinion natural to the atmosphere of liberal institutions, I may err; but I trust never to forget the prudent, who should temper firmness, or the modesty which becomes the consciousness of right. If I decline to recognize as my guides any of the men of to-day, I shall feel safe while I follow the master principles which the Union was established to secure, and lean for support on the great triumvirate of American Freedom—Washington, Franklin, and Jefferson. And since the true politics are simply morals applied to public affairs, I shall find constant assistance from those everlasting rules of right and wrong, which are a law alike to individuals and communities—nay, which constrain the Omnipotent God in self-imposed bonds.

Let me borrow, in conclusion, the language of another; "I see my duty—that of standing up for the liberty of my country; and whatever difficulties and discouragements lie in my way, I dare not shrink from it; and I rely on that Being who has not left to us the choice of duties, that, whilst I shall conscientiously discharge mine, I shall not finally lose my reward." These are the words of Washington, uttered in the early darkness of the American Revolution. The rule of duty is the same for the lowly and the great; and I hope it may not seem presumptuous in one so humble as myself to adopt his determination, and to avow his confidence.

I have the honor to be, fellow-citizens, with sincere regard, your faithful friend and servant,
CHARLES SUMNER.

The American Bible Society held its 35th anniversary at the Tabernacle, on Thursday. Among the speakers were Rev. Mr. Buel, the Society's agent in California, and Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen. The receipts of the Society during the year amounted to \$276,592.52. Number of bibles and testaments issued, 595,432. Total since the formation of the Society 7,572,967 copies. Bibles have been printed in Swedish and Spanish, and in the Grebo tongue for Western Africa.

CHRISTIAN HOPE.
O tell me not of mortal hopes and tears,
When on the shores that bound this world of tears,
The soul is hurrying, in that solemn hour,
Ah! when the early dawn, or early power,
When give me not the laurel wreath of glory,
Then give me not the warrior's grand renown,
What can those things avail in life's decline;
Give me that hope to cheer life's fading end,
Whose source is mercy, and whose object Heaven;
That hope which taught the martyr's soul to dare
The most appalling form that death can wear,
Taught him to pass, without a trembling heart,
The line where mortal and immortal part,
Supplied his wishes with his falling tears,
Remov'd his sorrows and repell'd his fears,
With such a hope how rarely come I see
All sinking, fading, but eternally
Smile to behold the light of life decay,
And bless the hand that quenched its infancy.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.
A most beautiful and valuable Preparation for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Consumption, and all diseases of the throat and lungs.
It is a new compound, in this place, but it is for diseases of the lungs—far Superior to any other preparation.
JAS. BLAIR, Sole Agent.
Columbus, Feb. 1, 1850.

Constitution of the West Point State Rights Association.

WE the undersigned hereby agree to form an Association to be called the "West Point State Rights Association," the object of which shall be to maintain our rights as guaranteed to us by the constitution of the United States.

ARTICLE I.—Section 1.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, two Recording Secretaries and two Corresponding Secretaries.

Sec. 2.—Any person may become a member of this Association by signing his name to this Constitution.

ARTICLE II.—Sec. 1.—This Association shall meet at West Point on the first Thursday in each month, and whenever deemed necessary by the President and Vice Presidents.

Sec. 2.—The officers of this Association shall be elected annually and hold their offices until a new election.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association.

Sec. 4.—In the absence of the President it shall be the duty of either of the Vice Presidents to preside at the meetings of the Association.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretaries to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of this Association; and it shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries to carry on such correspondence as may be necessary for the Association.

ARTICLE III.—Sec. 1.—A quorum for transacting business shall consist of not less than ten members.

Sec. 2.—That we deprecate the further continuance of parties that have existed under the name of whig and democrat, and that we will make devotion to Southern Rights and not devotion to party the test of our support of men for office.

WILLIAM COOPER, President.

JAMES ROBERTSON, V. Pres.
STEPHEN TOWNSEND, Sec'y.
A. J. G. WESTBROOK, R. Sec'y.
J. R. DUNLAP, C. Sec'y.
J. W. CRUMP, C. Sec'y.
B. F. ROBERTSON, C. Sec'y.

Look out for Negro Stealers.

At a meeting of the citizens of the village of Choctaw Agency, Oktobee county, over which was presided, on Sunday, 2d inst., by David Myers, now resident of said county, was charged with having endeavored to persuade two or more negroes to run away with him to a free State, and to obtain all the money they could by any means—even to robbing their masters, before leaving. The evidence was chiefly the confessions of negroes, and as he was on one occasion drinking, the meeting did not deal as rigorously with him as it would otherwise have done, but appointed the undersigned to demand of him whether he would leave the county within two days and the State within ten, and to state to him the consequences of his refusal or his failure after promise, to go, and to publish his name to place other communities on their guard.

He very readily agreed to leave. His brown eyes, five feet five inches high, his brown eyes dark chestnut hair, rather fair complexion and slender features and figure, says he is a native of Fayette county, Alabama, but was raised in Hinds county, Mississippi, and has run the Mississippi as a boat hand from New Orleans to Vicksburg.

Yours &c.,
A. WARREN,
C. CARPENTER,
T. J. MOORE,
W. S. BRAY,
WM. STILES,
A. MOORE,
J. W. RICE,
T. HARVEY.

Choctaw Agency, May 6th, 1851.

History of Mississippi Baptists.

A few years since a committee was appointed by the Mississippi State Convention to collect materials for a denominational history; but up to this time, so far as I know, no progress has been made in this work: and inasmuch as I regard this object as a most desirable one, and, as I fear materials may be lost, which can at present be secured, I have concluded to undertake the compilation of a history. In order that I may succeed, I solicit the co-operation of every minister and deacon in the State.

The plan of the work as now in my mind's eye will exhibit the parts: 1st. A brief introduction, developing prominent points in our general history and doctrines. 2d. The rise, progress and present condition of the denomination in the State, detailing the history of each association and the most prominent churches, together with statistical tables as will show the ratio of increase. 3d. An appendix, containing biographical sketches of ministers and prominent laymen, who have died in this State.

To fill out this plan, I shall need the assistance of every church in the State. Files of the Minutes of every Association, papers of ministers, ministerial character; accounts of revivals; biographical notes; anecdotes; registers of debates and fragments of history are all desired. I beg therefore, all my brethren to aid me.

Letters may be addressed to me at this place, post-paid. Minutes, documents, or books, deposited for this purpose or loaned, may be deposited with Charles J. Shepherd, (firm of D. Wheeler & Co.) or Thomas P. Miller, Mobile; J. B. Valentine, Jr., (D. Taylor & Co.) custom house street, New Orleans; Ira Carpenter, or B. Pendleton, Natchez; Wm. H. Sparke, Vicksburg; A. N. Jones, Columbus; and Rev. P. S. Gayle, Memphis, Tenn.

When published, it is designed to divide the profits (if any) arising from this work, between the endowment funds of Mississippi College, Clinton, Hinds Co., and the Mississippi Female College, Hernando, DeSoto Co.

Clerks or Moderators of Associations, can aid greatly in this work, by writing out brief histories of their respective bodies, concluding with a statistical table, showing the numbers in communion each year, the names of Moderator, Clerk and Preacher of introductory sermon.

I hope to be able to obtain the materials needed before the convention assembles, next November, at Aberdeen. Brethren lend your aid.

Hernando, Miss., March 8th, 1851.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.

(Circuit Court, March 26, 1851.)

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

CAREY ROANE, Plaintiff, by his Solicitor, and MATILDA ROANE, Defendant, appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Defendant is a non-resident of this State. It is ordered by the Court that this cause be set down for hearing on the facts charged in the Bill, at the next term of this Court, to be held on the third Monday of September, 1851; and it is further ordered that a copy of said order, be published for three months, weekly, in the Southern Standard, a newspaper published in the town of Columbus, said State.

A true copy from the Minutes.

A. E. LOVE, Clerk.

Wm. P. & Jno. F. Jack Solicitors for Plaintiff.

April 9, 1851. 12-14.

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JAS. BLAIR, Sole Agent.

Columbus, Feb. 1, 1850.

[BY AUTHORITY.]

Office of the Secretary of State,
JACKSON, April 12th, 1851.

THE attention of the qualified voters of the State of Mississippi, is hereby called to the following Act, passed at the last regular session of the Legislature thereof.

JO. BELLA, Sec. of State.

AN ACT proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, in Session assembled, That the sixteenth section of the fourth article of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, be stricken out and abrogated, and in lieu thereof, the following article shall be inserted:

Section 16. In proceedings in said Circuit Court, there shall be no distinction between legal and equitable remedies, and an uniform course of procedure shall, in all cases, be established.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, at least six months preceding the general election, to give notice by advertisement, in three or more newspapers printed in this State, of this act and the amendment proposed thereby, to the existing Constitution of the State; and at said election, the qualified voters of the State, voting for members of the Legislature, shall also vote for or against said amendment, and each voter shall be given the right to vote for or against said amendment, and shall explain the same to him, and shall cause the votes so given, to be recorded in a separate book, to be kept for that purpose, under the supervision of the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Sheriff of each county is hereby required to furnish the managers of each precinct in the county with a copy of this act.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the Sheriff of the different counties shall cause the names of the voters of the county to be given to the managers of the county, and also, of the whole number of votes given for members of the Legislature, in their respective counties, to the Secretary of State in the same manner, and under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by law in relation to members of the Legislature, and to the members of the Senate of the State, to lay all the returns so made before the next succeeding Legislature; and if it shall appear that a majority of the qualified electors voting for members of the Legislature, shall have voted for said amendment, the alteration contained in the section of the act shall be inserted by said Legislature in lieu of the section abrogated, as a part of the Constitution of this State.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the Auditor of Public Accounts shall issue a warrant on the Treasury, in favor of any printer or publisher of a newspaper, employed in the printing of this act, and the certificate of the Secretary of State, to the amount of such printer or publisher is correct.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 29th, 1851.

A RESOLUTION to amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That the following article be added to the Constitution as an amendment thereto:

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. The Legislature, at a regular session thereof, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, shall pass a law fixing the time of holding the election for Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Members of the Legislature, and Representatives in Congress, which shall be held on the first Monday of January, next after the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of State shall give public notice of the foregoing amendment, at least six months previous to the next general election, according to the provisions of the Constitution.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the several officers holding the next general election, to ask the qualified voters, as they present their tickets, whether they are for or against the amendment, and the several clerks shall make record thereof, as the answer may be, and the same shall be returned by the Secretary of State, in time and manner now prescribed by law.

Approved March 9, 1850.

Jackson, Miss., April 22, 1851—14-27

KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE.

This Institution, lately so flourishing and popular, re-opened on the 1st Monday of March 1851, to continue twenty weeks, until vacation, resuming its annual sessions on the 2d Monday of September.

Col. R. T. P. Allen has been appointed to the Superintendency, assisted by Col. E. W. Morgan, late Joint Superintendent of the Western Military Institute, and an able and efficient Faculty. Both superintendents graduated with distinguished honors at West Point, served regularly in the army, and have attained a high position in practical engineering and in the instruction and government of youth.

The Institute will give advantages to those seeking an education eminently calculated to prepare them for the professions of the law, medicine, and agriculture, and among them—a course of study unusually full in Mathematics and its applications to Mechanics, Machines, and Construction; in Natural Science and its applications to the Arts, Agriculture, and Mines; in ancient and Modern Languages, and in English Literature;—in the study of the history and constitution of the United States, and in the principles of business management, all that its name implies—a discipline facilitated by every door of quarters being visible from the commandant's office: A position accessible by steamboats to Frankfort, yet retired—six miles in the country—an elevated locality unsurpassed in the West for healthfulness, with pure air, and a view of the river, extensive and commodious, erected two years ago, at a very heavy cost. Apparatus and instruments, fully adequate to the wants of the lecture-room, and the field: Instruction, theoretical and practical, in Plane and Geodetic Surveying, Levelling, and all branches of Civil Engineering, with drawing, field practice and use of instruments—the discipline facilitated by every door of quarters being visible from the commandant's office: A position accessible by steamboats to Frankfort, yet retired—six miles in the country—an elevated locality unsurpassed in the West for healthfulness, with pure air, and a view of the river, extensive and commodious, erected two years ago, at a very heavy cost. Apparatus and instruments, fully adequate to the wants of the lecture-room, and the field: Instruction, theoretical and practical, in Plane and Geodetic Surveying, Levelling, and all branches of Civil Engineering, with drawing, field practice and use of instruments—the discipline facilitated by every door of quarters being visible from the commandant's office: A position accessible by steamboats to Frankfort, yet retired—six miles in the country—an elevated locality unsurpassed in the West for healthfulness, with pure air, and a view of the river, extensive and commodious, erected two years ago, at a very heavy cost.

The charge for tuition, board, washing, fuel, lights, &c., is \$160 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance. Two dollars per semi-annual session is added as surgeon's fee. With the co-operation of parents, all expenses can be kept within \$125 per session: The sum which is required to be deposited with Col. E. H. Taylor, Cashier of the Branch Bank of Kentucky at Frankfort, who has been appointed by the Board, Treasurer of the Institute.

Address either of the Superintendents at "Kentucky Military Institute, near Frankfort, Kentucky."

P. DUDLEY, Adj. Gen.

JOHN L. HELM, President of the Board.

J. SPEED SMITH, JOHN W. RUSSELL, D. THOMPSON, Visitors.

Frankfort, Ky., 1851.

ACADEMIC STAFF.

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MR. JOHN HARRIS, Accountant.

WATSON & PHYTHIAN, Consulting Physicians.

The Kentucky Military Institute is under the immediate direction and entire control of the Board of Visitors, appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth.

The course of study adopted, and which will be required in order to graduation, is that usually taught in the best Colleges, except that but one language is required, (Latin or French) the time usually occupied by the regular course, Greek, Spanish and German will be taught. Except for French, substitute for Latin, an extra charge of \$20 per annum will be made for each modern language. There will be no other extra charge.

A plain dark-blue uniform will be made subservient to neatness and economy. Students' supplies, for joining, should be chiefly of under-clothes.

In respect to all the "materiel" for a liberal education of the physical, mental and moral man, the Kentucky Military Institute may claim equality with any institution in the West.

May 10, 1851. 15:4m

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THE undersigned design establishing a Weekly Journal in the city of Columbus, Mississippi, to be devoted to the interests of the South, and to the dissemination of those vital maxims of equality, both civil and political, recognized and practiced by the Fathers of the Republic. The editorial department of the paper will be under the charge of competent and experienced gentlemen.

The friends of the Union—the Union as framed and cemented by the blood of our fathers—are earnestly invited and urged to aid in procuring the names of subscribers. As the paper will occupy high conservative ground, irrespective of party alliances, it is confidently anticipated that it will meet the approval and receive the cordial support of all true men of all parties.

The paper will be printed on new and beautiful type, and will contain more reading matter than any sheet in the State. The first number will be issued on or about the first of January, 1851. The names and subscribers to be forwarded to Wm. D. CHASE, Editor, care of J. B. HARRIS, Columbus, Mississippi.

TERMS—Three dollars per annum, invariably in advance.

Prospectus of the "Southern Press."

An Association of sixty-three members of Congress, Senators and Representatives have constituted the undersigned a committee to superintend the establishment of a Southern Press at Washington City, to be devoted to the exposition and defence of Southern rights and institutions—the dissemination of correct information as to Northern policy, and the course of political affairs generally, without reference to the old party lines of Whig and Democrat. Arrangements are now in progress, promptly to issue the issue of such a paper under the title of

"THE SOUTHERN PRESS."

For the conduct of which, suitable editors have been engaged, who will also receive the aid of a number of eminent and able contributors. There will be both a tri-weekly and a weekly issue—the latter to contain substantially the same matter as the former, and intended to reach those points of the country whose mail facilities are limited. A daily issue will be added hereafter, should it be deemed advisable or necessary by the press and people of the Southern States. The paper will not be exclusively political—but will embrace on its broad sheet the general news, of the day, domestic and foreign, by mail and telegraph, commercial and agricultural intelligence, literary criticisms, original essays, literary and miscellaneous, and in short, all those items of general interest, the collected aggregate of which constitute the interesting and valuable newspaper. Great care will be taken to give full and correct reports of the proceedings and debates in both Houses of Congress, as well as the action of the local legislatures on the southern question.